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SUBJECT: EXPORT VISAS FOR AMATI SHOE COMPANY

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1. WASHINGTON AGENCIES HAVE HAD EXTENSIVE CONTACT WITH DAVID YARIN, PRESIDENT OF YARIN AND AMATI SHOE COMPANIES, ON PROBLEM OF ROK DENIAL OF EXPORT VISAS FOR AMATI'S SHOES. YARIN NOW WILLING (EVEN ANXIOUS) FOR USG-ROK DISCUSSION OF THIS MATTER; YARIN NOW SAYS HE WILL KEEP AMATI OPEN (WHILE TRYING TO "RE-POSITION" IT) IF HE GETS SAME CUTBACK AS KOREAN FIRMS UNDER OMA.

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2. EMBASSY SHOULD THEREFORE APPROACH KOREAN AUTHORITIES AT APPROPRIATELY HIGH LEVEL AND EXPLAIN THAT (A) U.S. CANNOT LEGALLY AGREE TO ACCEPT AMATI SHOES WITHOUT VISA OR WITHOUT COUNTING THEM AGAINST ROK IMPORT QUOTA. SUCH A DECISION WOULD CONTRAVENE THE PROVISIONS OF THE OMA ON SHOES AND WOULD CONSTITUTE FAVORITISM TO ONE FIRM ON BASIS

OF NATIONALITY OF OWNERS; (B) UNDER ARTICLE VII OF TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP, COMMERCE, AND NAVIGATION OF NOVEMBER 28, 1956, ANY U.S. OWNED FIRM IN KOREA IS TO RECEIVE TREATMENT NO LESS FAVORABLE THAN THAT AFFORDED KOREAN FIRM; AND (C) USG REQUESTS THAT AMATI BE ISSUED VISAS FOR QUANTITY OF

SHOES IN PROPORTION TO QUANTITIES ALLOWED KOREAN FIRMS.

3. EMBASSY ASSESSMENT OF REASONS FOR ORIGINAL POSITION OF ROKG VIS-A-VIS AMATI WOULD BE MUCH APPRECIATED. IS REASON DUE TO FACTORS SURROUNDING AMATI OPERATION, OR IS IT QUESTION OF PIQUE WITH USG OVER OMA?

4. PLEASE MAKE DEMARCHE AND REPORT ASAP. CHRISTOPHER

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